insects which cover the buds of the hibiscus. Aphis have no respect of time of year; there can be just as many in January as in June. When spraying for snow scale if the infestation is severe it is a good idea to take a brush and dip it in the solution of Volck and brush the scale off. When spraying for turtle back scale it may be necessary to spray 2 or 3 times, a week or ten days apart in order to kill all stages of the scale. During the summer months the spraying for scales should be done in the late afternoon or very early morning as the temperture should never be over 90 degrees when using Volck or any oil emulsion spray. On the other hand the temperture should not be under 70 degrees when using an oil spray.

The grasshopper is difficult to control. As his name suggests he hops from one plant to another chewing & eating as he goes. So it is hard to poison him when you can't catch him. Spray your plants with arsenate of lead in solution with water and if the grasshopper gets on the plants you have sprayed and chews it will be the end of that particular grasshopper. A good way to get rid of the huge colored grasshopper is to catch and kill him, then you are sure he is gone. You don't have to hope he eats the arsenate of lead.

The constant & proper control of insects is one of the most important steps in growing beautiful bloom for showing. If you will watch for the scales & insects on your plants and control them immediately you will be rewarded with blooms worthy of blue ribbons.

Helen Johnson, Treasurer,
Fort Myers, Fla.

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RAILMAN'S TIP ON LONGER LIFE

"Get a hobby and live longer" That's the advice of retired railman, G.E. Meriwether of Montgomery, Ala. to other "old Timers" on the rails. Meriwether punched his last card back in Jan. 1951 at the age of 65.

He then began developing what the Montgomery Daily Advertiser describes as"the most outstanding hibiscus garden in this area", with more than 100 varieties. Before retiring, Meriwether worked 49 years for the Louisville & Nashville & Atlantic Coast Line Railroads. He is currently a Director-at-large of the American Hibiscus Society.

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"TO A RED HIBISCUS"

" Lord, the red hibiscus
Has but a day to live
The passion of its painted heart
Forgive, forgive
And take not to task, Lord
For prayer it leaves unsaid,
For lips so red ;
Petitions were not patterned
And if it seeks too boldly
The solace of the sun,
Remember its days, Lord
Are one, just one".

Vivian Laramore Rader
Poet Laureate of Fla.

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NEW HIBISCUS

"Brownie Wise" developed by M.J. Daetwyler of Orlando, a new variety of pale yellow, single blossom hibiscus.

"Mildred Rutter" by T.C. Hudson, Hibiscus Nursery, Daytona Beach, Fla. a large ruffled semi-double. Swirling petals are a medium pink with